異色新連載!!
New-Serialization!!
They get too tired studying, and don't tend to have many talents.
Ordinary high schoolers don't have dreams.
Well, that's what I used to think, anyway.
I wasn't really into anything in particular, so I just lived my life from day to day.
Until the day he literally jumped right over all that...
...
Well, of course...

第1話 今時のクラスメイトは鼻の美しさで食ってる
Chapter 1: The Modern Classmate Nose What's Good

家の裏でマンボウが死んでるP（原作：タカハシヨウ）作画：竜宮ツカサ)
Manbo-Dead-Behind-the-House-P (Script: You Takahashi, Art: Tsukasa Ryuuguu)

Whew, finally over...
Not that I have much else to do, but still...
Ikuya Magasa (15): Yr 1 Class A
See you tomorrow!
Wanna go somewhere?
Hey, mind if we make a pit stop on the way?
Hey, Amobo.
Sure, but where're we going?
Kaze Amaba (16): Yr 1 Class A
I was three months into my high school life.
None of the clubs or events had really seemed exciting to me.
Ikuya!
Let's roll!

I found a place with awesome crayfish yesterday!
You gotta come check it out! We can have crayfish sandwiches!
You had a screwy elementary school, huh?
Say WHAT?! When has crayfish not been a boy's ultimate allure?!
Get pumped, dude!
How am I supposed to get pumped about that?!
All that I really had was going to hang out with Amaba.
Oh, too cool for crayfish, huh Ikuya?
I'm jealous. You ain't got a worry in the world.
You're the LAST person I want to hear that from!
It's not like I don't have my own worri...
Huh? Like what?
Ah...
Err...
Wooow!
That's great, Mino!

Yeah, I managed an even better performance than usual for the contest!
And I even won first place!
For sure! You did great!
Cause you always stayed late for piano lessons!
That's my Mino!
Th-Thank you...
Uh... ...
Something wrong, dude?
Mino Kurane (15)...
It's nothin'!
Hm?
?
Yeah well whatever! I'm off to visit the crayfish!
Really?! You're goin'?!
Yeah, as far as he knows, it's nothing...

Kurone's schedule wasn't such that she could make a detour for crayfish.
Doubt that.
Do crayfish eat erasers?
I was afraid someone would notice what was on my mind. Unlike me and Amaba...
Looks more like intimidation.
For real?! DUDE!
Hey! Ikuyo, look! The crayfish came to welcome us!
No way she'd care for a guy like me...
So she's taking lessons to shoot for a music college, huh... That's crazy.
I'd like something like that which I could puff out my chest and be proud of...
...
At the very least...
...

Truth is... I'm a tengu!
...Yo, Ikuya.
Gonna be three months into high school soon.
See, there's somethin' I wanna tell you...
... Wha aaa aaa aaa aaa aa?
Yes, if only I had just one thing I could be proud of...
Yep, a tengu disguised as a human..
No, back up, what did you say?
I'm way popular with tengu as an entertainose, in fact.
"Entertainose"...?
I'M NOT LYIN'!
Hell, while I'm jumpin' the river I'll tie my shoelaces together and flip my shirt onto my lower body and wrap my pants 'round my neck like a bigshot producer and catch two or three ducks and four or five dragonflies!!
Since tengu are so agile, I can jump right over this river!
Dude, you're gonna pop a blood vessel!

No! STOP!
What's the point of jumping the river and tying your shoelaces together and flipping your shirt onto your lower body and wrapping your pants 'round your neck like a bigshot producer and catching two or three ducks and four or five dragonflies?!
I'm gonna jump the river and tie my shoelaces together and flip my shirt onto my lower body and wrap my pants 'round my neck like a bigshot producer and catch two or three ducks and four or five dragonflies!!
Just WATCH! I'll PROVE it!
HWO AAAA AAAA AAAA HHHHH HH!!
If this is some joke of yours, you should tone it -
Besides all the other stuff, the river flows really far down! It's too dangerous!

HYAA AAAA AAAA AAAA AAAA AAH!
ギュギュン
WHA AAA AAA AAA AAA ?!?

Yoh!
How's that! You gonna believe me now?!
Hope so, 'cause I'd rather not go to tengu form!
Wh...
Wha...
Hey! Gimme a re-action, at least!
Don't just launch into a flash-back!
...
And with that settled, there is some-thing I wish to discuss.
I shall tell you how I came ta enter this school.
What WAS that...?!
No human could do that! Are you for real...?!
...

A stor
personality who everyone nose, obviously.
Hang on your nose and breathe easy!
Nosehangers 5 for 300 yen
That's so STUPID!!
*Amaba
I worked as an entertainose in the tengu world.
Yet I felt somehow unfulfilled...
That word again! What the hell's an "entertainose"?!
Indeed, the world of tengu is so cramped and antiquated! All in restricted forests and small communities...
On top of that mingling with humans is looked down upon in our world. I felt as if I was locked in.
I longed to be free in the wide world of humans!
Father, Mother ...
I wish to live among the humans!

What foul stew are you brewing in your nose, runt?!
Aren't you an entertainose?!
I wos met with immediote opposition...
PUHLEEEEEEEEEEEEASE, DAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAD!!!
Hrm...
That's one hell of a beg!!
So whiny!!!!
I refused to give up, ond persistently osked them agoin ond again!
PLEASE
PLEASE
PLEASE
PLEASE
By doing thot, I eventually got their permission to stay for three yeors of high school!
And olso...
If you can moke yourself useful in the humon world within three yeors...
You moy stoy os long as you please.
Far real?!
...That is what they promised me!

But to make myself useful here in three years...
Well, that's no easy task!
It's not like I hove that much odvan-toge over people.
And even if I did, I could just use it in the tengu world! So I couldn't be useful here!
He's actually been acting like a serious tengu...
This is just a joke, right...?
So I gotta succeed in somethin' you can only do in the human world!
But if it is just a joke, I can't exploin thot jump...
And, thing is...
I finolly thought of some-thin' that could be!

IKU-YA!!
Do you wanna start a band with me?!
A BAND ?!
Ikuya, you played bass in middle school, right?!
Huh?! Y-Yeah, but...
I'm not popular.
I should play an instrument.
Ha, I've got a bass when everyone's playing guitar!
I'm so different and cool.
That's ... a past I'd rather stay forgotten...
The typical middle-schooler mindset.
I wanna make a band with a human, make music like only humans can, and make ourselves a success in this world!
That's the plan!!

A-
Anyway, hold on a sec! Use your damn head for once!
A TENGU BAND ?!
Sorry, but that doesn't make any sense!
!
Join the light music club if you wanna play in a band!
You can only go independent if you're a second-year or up!
Wouldn't we be startin' too late?!
"We"? Why are you asking ME?!
Isn't there ANYONE else who'd be better for this?!
Uh, Ikuya...
... Thought so.
A regular human wouldn't notice, huh...
Huh?!
I'd better tell you. See, our class-mates...

Well, only two of 'em are actually human.
!?
So that's why you, Ikuya!
Hold up, only TWO are human?!
All the rest, they're monsters like me.
Wh... What the hell is that non-sense?!
But that means...
My class-mates are all monsters ...?!
!...!!

EVEN KURA-NE?!
"Ordinary high schoolers don't have dreams."
I'll break your damn nose!!!
I don't care about entertainose standards right now!!
Entertainoses have to fulfill certain requirements laid out by the All-Japan Entertainose Committee, see?
No, no...
That's what I thought, until that day.
Wh...
Wha...
When I ended up wrapped up in something bigger...
So! Start a band with a tengu!
What do you say?
And my ordinary days far surpassed ordinary.
WHAT THE HELL IS THAAAAAAAT ?!?!?!
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Manbo-Dead-Bind-the-Muse-P

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The Festive Monster's Cheerful Failure

Chapter 2: Release a Dog in a Music Shop, And It Strikes a Pose

To summarize Issue 1...
...
So lemme make sure I got this straight, Amaba.
You're actually a tengu...
Who's only been allowed to live among humans for three years.
And enter tsunise mumble mumble mumble
And to stick around longer than that, you need to accomplish something you could only do here.
Which led to the idea of starting a band with a human and going pro...
Then I believe I have the gist of it...
Yeah, you got it! I'm countin' on you, buddy!
...Just how did that happen...
OH BUT ALSO THERE ARE ONLY TWO HUMANS IN OUR CLASS...?

NO THANKS !!!
WHA AAA AAA AAA ?!?
ちょっ
The cruel-est face!!
ギュルルルル!!
Why you gotta do this, Ikuya?!?
You being a tengu... is a shocker, but...
I'd say the same thing either way!
QUIT MOVIN' AROUND, GEEZ!!
Are you tengu-racist?! You're tengu-racist!!
Going pro?! Aren't we just some kids in high school?!
Well, we're gonna stop bein' that real soon!!

It's like fate, man...!
HA HA HA HA HA HA
A band that met through high school...
That's what our band'll be!!
Workin' together to go from zeroes to fillin' the whole damn hall!!
Zeroes, huh... Can you play?
I'm gonna buy my guitar right now!
Never even laid hands on one before!
It's truly only just begun...
No qualifi-cations, only his ambition...
I guess I was the same way when I started, though...
You play electric guitars with batter-ies!
AAAs are the best!

...Bass, huh?
I forget when I gave up on playing...
!
Only people with true talent can dream of going pro.
There's only a small handful.
I never really thought that was a handful I'd be in... So I gave up.
Oh, so you...
Well, uh, look, if you really don't want to!
... Sorry, dude.
But I do have one little request!
Huh?
Couldja help me pick a guitar?
I dunno nothin' about 'em!
...
And thus...

HEEEEEEEELL YEAAAAAAAHHHHH!!!!!
We went to the music shop.
My nose is gonna explode from awe-some!!
EX PLO DE?!
What kinda reaction is that?!
Ikuya! Which ones're the ones that go BRNNNNNNNNN?!
SALE
Dude, you're making a scene!!
I don't wanna BYEEEEEN, I wanna BRNNNN-NNNNNN! And not to be confused with a BREEEEE-OWWWWW!!
You're like a little puppy going nuts over salami!!
Which are the good ones, Ikuya?!
Hell if I can tell what your noises mean!
What kind of guitar do you wanna play?

I wanna play some hard rock!!
One of those big sturdy guys!!
Hmm, alright ...
Maybe a Les Paul, then.
Who's Paul?
Hm.
This is it!
D... DAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAANG!!!
shriek
Wanna give it a play while we're here?
Thanks LOADS, Ikuya!!
I'll do that!!
MISS.CLEEERK!!!
He's always gotta be moving...

...By the way.
Got any ideas for members besides bassist?
HEY, PAUL !!!
I got it all up here, dude!
I thought up some real good picks, you bet!
Hmm...
... So, hey...
Who's the other human...?
!!
I... I can't tell ya!
If I told, you'd know everyone who WASN'T human!
Y'know, everybody but them and you?!
And why is that bad?
They don't wanna take any chances bein' exposed, you dig?!
They got ways to erase people without a trace...!!
?!
O-Our classmates are that dreadful ...?!

But they're just living like ordinary students, so...?!
What the hell's going on with our class?!
LIKE, THEY'S JUST THE FACTS, DUDE !!!
That, ain't my fault, okay!!! !!!
They's just... ?!?
Oh NOW what the hell are you doing?!?
Striking an elegant pose, of course!! I'm a model, duh!!
ビキビキ
ビキ...
(purple)
What's your standard for "elegant" ?!
Shows my individuality!! I put more emphasis on the pose than the performance!!
Uh, your index finger's turning this weird color...?!
Oh, what ever ...
I suppose it doesn't matter to me...
He is doing unspeakable things to gravity...
Anyway, as I was saying!
Amaba

Once they're found out as not-humon, they can't stay here no more!
I wouldn't recommend lookin' into anybody's true form!
If I get found out, that's bad.
'Cause I really wanted to start a band, duh!!
Then why did you tell me?!
Wanna make the most of my chances!! Wanna have the most fun!!
I only got three years to work with here... but I wanna get somethin' done!
Amaba ...
And I figured I'd get that workin' with you!!

You've only got three years of high school too, yeah?
!
...Y-Yeah, I know.
Well it'll be over in a blink while you're off just huntin' for croy-fish!!
ギュイィィン!!!
Hey, YOU were the one doing that!!
Ha ho!
Oh yeah, I was!
キュルルル♪
... geez ...
...But yeah ...
I just wanno do some-thin' that I can really get into.
I get ...
'Cause that's gonna be the most fun!
...how you feel.

All right!
I'm buyin' this thing! How much?!
But...
I can't take the plunge like you.
DUDE!!
THAT'S the kinda price tag guitars have?!
There's no reason I should.
...Well... is that really true?
Good thing the yen's low and tengu-dollars're high, or I'd hafta give Paul up...
Havin' an entertainose salary helps too!
Tengu dollars...?
When I also...
only have three years?
.....
.....

I'm home...
...Whew, what a day...
ボス!...
Eighty percent of my exhaustion is reaction fatigue...
.....
チラ?
My bass...

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本気のWEBマガジン登場!!
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The Next Morning
Goooood mornin' Ikuya!!
An' you look sleepy!
Yo...
You've been peppy...
Lack of sleep from tryin' all night to get into playin' bass again, I bet?!
O-Of course not, geez!!
Is he a PSYCHIC tengu?!
Well, after you left yesterday, I was able to sign on a member!
Jus' lettin' you know!
Huh?
Wha?

We got Gen Chinone on drums!
'Sup.
Gen Chinone (16): Class 1-A
...So, what, one of our go-home club trio?
Are you just picking bored people?!
1-A GO-HOME CLUB
Naturally, I cannot play drums.
Oh yeah, Chinane... You've been out lately. You feeling okay?
Didn't come yesterday.
Are you alright to play in a band?
There is something which I wish to tell you...
...I have need ta inform you on that matter.
Hmm? What's this about?
'Cause "Truth is, I'm a tengu!"
...isn't gonna surprise me anymore, so...

In truth... I am an under-ground-dweller.
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...
...
...
...
...
mm??
I come from 52 kilometers below the surface...
But my love for soil has made me sluggish as of late...
I spent all of yesterday relaxing in soil, with only my head poking out...
Relax...
Y-You're still not really explaining yourself?!
Huh...?! What are you talking about, Chinone?!
Some kindergartners then mistook me for a potato, and so I had to get quite serious.
Dude, don't make kindergartners cry!!

W-What are these guys talking about?!
Unlike you carefree tengu, I appreciate the finer things.
But soil calms me so.
Ikuya backs away slowly ~ 3 ~
You got weird hobbies, moleman!
Regardless of such...
...Well, we can agree we have our pros and cons, yes?
Care free ?!
I'm always thinkin' crap thraugh ...!
There is a need for Ikuya to become involved ...!!
HWHAH ?!
...Oh yeah!

Nothing much.
Whot're you two implying with "getting involved" ...?!
H-He's ...!
!!
I simply have a request of sorts.
You being a human...
HE'S NOT HUMAN EITHER ?!?!
Your cooperation is indispesable...
As monsters, we seek to have your help!!
二人の要求とは…!?
What is their request ...?!

What do the tengu and underground request...?!

Issue 3
The View From Underground
Manbo-Dead-Behind-the-House-P
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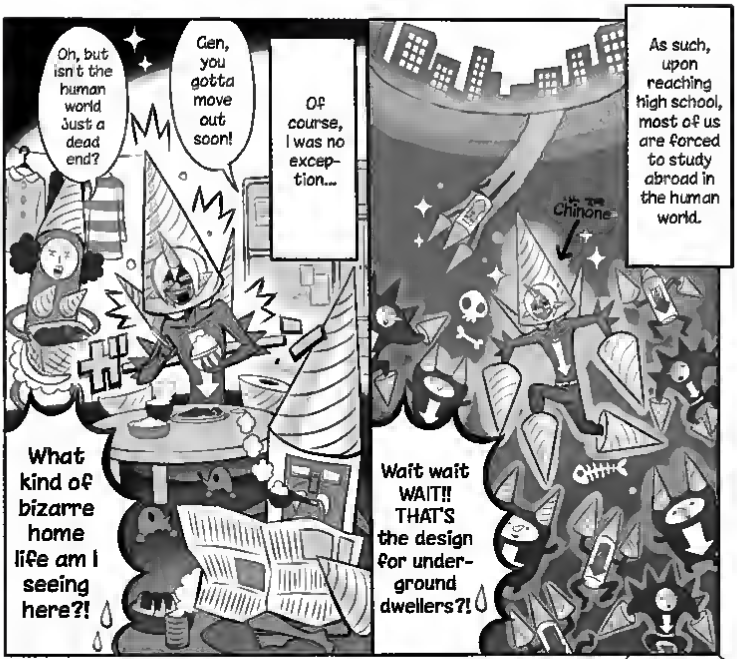
ding dong...
Oh dear... That time already.
Good morning, class!
Time for attendance!
Again with the band...
And now a caveguy's involved ...?
I was wondering what was up...
Where the cray-fish're at!
Wha?!
H-Hey!!
It will become difficult to speak in the classroom.
We shall continue this after school.
What's the deal with this class...?!
First a tengu, now a cave-dweller...
Quiet down!
HEEEEERE!!
Kaze Amaba!

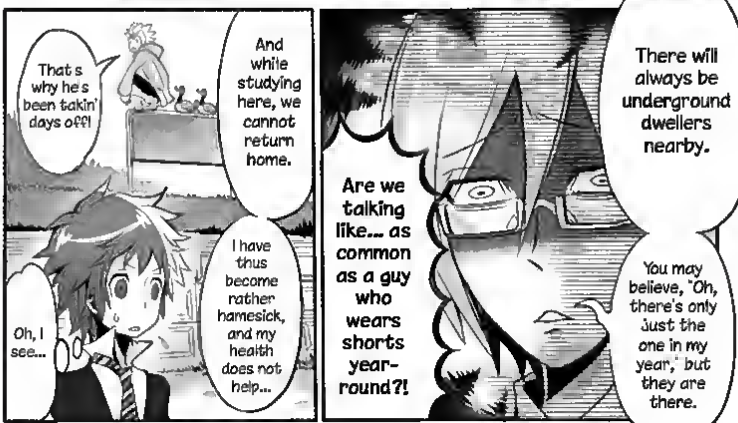
Why the hell are monsters asking me to join their band?!
I thought it was just an ordinary high school class...!
There's only one human here besides me...
...And even Kurane might not be human...
Here!
Mino Kurane!
AUUUUUUUUUUUUGH!! I want to know, but I SOOOOO DON'T!!
A Peso! (The currency!)
Actually a cave-dweller!
I'm actually a tengu!
Y-You okay...?
A trouser press!
Actually a giant!
Yamanote line

Later, after school...
Now then, Ikuya.
Shall we continue?
S-Sure...
I heard you had already refused Amaba's offer...
But I want you to hear me out as well.
...What-cha doing there?
As stated this morning, I, Gen Chinone, hail from underground!
W-What are you trying to do?!
And now, I shall prove it to you!
?!

ドドド

Think we made it out of that one...
Sweet! We should take a dip later!
W-Well ...?
Do you believe me now ...?
Yeah ...
But you look kinda exhausted, Chinone.
The gravity on the surface is much greater than underground...
Our bodies are frail enough that we risk breaking a few bones just attempting a sprint...
I believe you're what you say you are...
But why come to the surface if you're that fragile?
I've got pretty good reason to, after all.
... I had little other choice.
The underground is greatly overpopulated.
Over populated?


Oh, but isn't the human world just a dead end?
Gen, you gotta move out soon!
Of course, I was no exception...
What kind of bizarre home life am I seeing here?!
As such, upon reaching high school, most of us are forced to study abroad in the human world.
Chinone
Wait wait WAIT!! THAT'S the design for underground dwellers?!


That's why he's been takin' days off!
And while studying here, we cannot return home.
I have thus become rather homesick, and my health does not help...
Oh, I see...
Are we talking like... as common as a guy who wears shorts year-round?!
There will always be underground dwellers nearby.
You may believe, "Oh, there's only just the one in my year," but they are there.

Those who are recognized as interacting well with humans are awarded a one-day ticket home!
COME ON HOME
From Underground With Love
But there exists one way to return!
A ticket?!
Yep, of course...
With a human...
Thus, if I work with a human...
to succeed in some task, then that is my earned reward.
How could I possibly join clubs or work a job with my feeble body?!
I would be returning underground, yes... in a grave!
T-That was kind of clever!
But can you play drums if it's that bad?!
ドドドド...
B-But aren't there plenty of humans outside our class?!
You are aware, yes?
Of that hopelessly low percentage of humans in our class...

Huh?
It is very similar.
I can.
The cymbals like rocks rapidly thawing!!
The snare like ripples on the mantle!!
The bass drum like the echoes of the earth!!
...So that is why I accepted Amaba's offer.
And we are in need of you as well, Ikuya!
This guy's weird...
You're weird, dude!
I feel as comfortable as I am in the earth...
YES!! DRUMS ARE MAGNIFICEEEEEEEEENT!!!!!

For Gen to go back,
and for me to not...
Diff-erent goals, sure.
But we both wanna make some-thin' of ourselves here!
!
Make some-thing of...
It's like, you got a problem with that, Ikuya?
Somewhat suprisingly, I really didn't find them revolting at all...
Is it 'cause we're weird revolt-ing mon-sters ...?
N-Noth-ing of the...!
...Well okay, THAT'S really bizarre!
So was Chinone earlier!
They were still my friends, like they'd always been.
...But...

All we ever do is screw around to have fun...
What are the chances we'll be a success, really?
?
...Look! Just think about it objectively!
...As a human...
Are you endowed with such a skill of perfect objectivity?
...Huh?
He's not.
He's not.
Objectively speaking, WE'RE FUTURE SUPERSTARS!!
You bet I am!
How about you, tengu?

As it stands, is your high school life a worth-while one?
!
...It's a difficult skill, even for us.
Listen well, Ikuya.
Even if your view is objective as they come...
If you truly think so, then we will leave you be...
W...
Well, I...!
Gen!
It's almost time!
... I see.
Yes, it begins at 4.
W-Where you going?

Studio rehear-sal...?!
Gotta get home for my guitar! thought it
At last the day has come ta play drums! Mwaha haha...!
Can't play too well yet, but I'll try!
To studio rehear-sal!
When he just bought his guitar yester-day...
That name gives me a bad feeling...
It's "I Love You Like a Sickness" by Mambo-Dead-Behind-the-House-P!
We're already getting a move on!
And when he's never actually played drums...
Yeah, and the guitar's always the same thing, with only two fingers!
Ugh! Ridic-ulous!
The drum part is the same for the whole song...
Th... They're already doing that stuff...!
Amaba found a very simple song for us.
Them's power chords for you!

...Yet the two of them...
They mean it.
...Hahah.
Wow, that's... great! For both you guys!
But aren't you getting a little ahead of yourself with only two members?
Mm?
Nah, we've got three!
Us two still suck, so we wanted some-body good!
...
...
...
...
...
Huh?
We worked it out with her during lunch!
HUH?

We brought Kurane on to play key-board!
...Wh...
WHY YYYY ?!?
Why? Dude, you know she owns at the piano!
Unlike us, she actually, like, knows stuff about music!
I'm indeed very glad she accept-ed.
S-SAY WHAA AAAT?!

Alright, we're off to rehearsa!! Good luck, team!!
W...
WAIT, AMA-BAAA!!
Kurane in a band with a tengu and a cave-person...?!
What will you do, Ikuya?!
...We have a two-hour reservation at studio 442 near the station.
!!
Pay us a visit if you're interested.
If not...
You can stay behind and boil crayfish.
WHAA AAAA AAAA AAAA AAAA AAAA AAAA ?!?!
To Be Continued
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Minooo!
Hey, let's go find somewhere to talk!
Sorry, Aoi. I have other plans today.
Huhh?
I thought you didn't have lessons?
Um, well, I was invited to join a band!
With Amaba and Chinone... and Magasa!
S-Such a cute girl, in that hodgepodge band...?!?
We're going to go practice at a studio!
..... Wha ...
HAAAAHHH?!

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第4話 はじけ飛べ！思春期の柔いハート

Issue 4: Burst, My Puberty-Weakened Heart!

A-A band?! Whad-dya mean?!
I was kind of surprised too...
They said they were all beginners, and needed some assistance!
...You sure?
Mino's precious time, spent on a lot like them...
Well...
I'm just glad to have some time to play piano at my leisure.
B-But... With those three morons, of all people...
MOROOOO~N
Aha ha...
Well, I'm not too sure about them either. But they're having fun, right?
Well, I have to go, Aoi.
Ah...
... Mino...

They're serious, all right...
They even got Kurane wrapped up in this...
Wonder if I could talk ta Kurane if I went...
ニナニナ?...
No, no, NO!! There's no WAY I could make it in a band!
I should just go home and...
And... then what?
... ... uh.

"You've only got three years of high school too, yeah?"
"As it stands, is your high school life a worthwhile one?"
H-Hmph!
I got the sheet music printed!
There's a song I wanna do, though!
Perhaps for next week...
モヤ
モヤ
モヤ
.....

あまあい
あまあい
...
...
...
D...

Dammit, FINE!!
I'll go see how they're doing JUST this once!!
H-Hey, I'm here!
ギィッ

キシャアアアー…

…
Wh…

SHAD-
DUP!! PUT
THAT
AWAY!!
Such a
simple
fellow.
Ikuyaaa!
Man,
I just
knew
you'd
drop by!

WAIT A
DAMN
SECOND,
YOU
TWO!!
Whoa!

Kurane!! Are you okay?!
M-Magasa?!
I-I'm fine...! I'm just a little confused...
WHAT are you freaks DOING?!?
Relax, we were just explaining stuff!
Would you like a large piercing in your stomach? Hm?
ニヤキン
DON'T POINT THAT DRILL AT ME!!
Though I've never seen this either...
It's okay if you know in advance, but don't go and make her faint, okay?
Sorry, sorry!
I figured showin's the easiest way to have someone believe!
T-That's true...
I do believe you...!
ごくっ…!!

...Really, didda have to tell her at all?
We wanna let her know how serious we are!
Hi!
Hi!...
And it would become quite difficult to hide when working together, yes?
And I couldn't stick to the ceiling for no reason!
You can DO THAT?!
I would not even be able to eat dirt in peace.
You eat DIRT?!
Well, DUH!!
Now if she saw THAT an' didn't know nothin', that'd make her faint!
Why do you even do that kind of stuff so casually?!
Pff...
Do humans not have their nonsense practice of "flowing noodles"?
What the hell!!
Not even the same!! That's a fun seasonal thing!!
Nah, it's pretty similar...

There ISN'T one!!
What are you doing in a studio with this little preparation?!
Doe, a deer, a female deer...
Where is "do" on the drums?
Ikuya, show me how to use an amp!
Huh?!
Well, anyways!
Huh?!
O-Okay...! ...Right ...!
We're done explainin', so get set up!
Hey, Kurane! You hop in, too!
Nope.
'Course, if Kurane's a monster, you know she'd know anyway.
...And about our class?
Only our origins...
and our reasons for forming a band.
Kurane still looks super confused to me...
...How much did you explain, exactly?

...You know if she is or not, don't you?
Why are you hiding it?
I told you already at the shop, geez!!
You find someone out, you could go poof, got it?!
I meon them AND you!!
Ugh ...!
Even if Kurane's a human!!
Know thot, ond you know oll the rest ore monsters!!
That'd be the worst!! Every-body but us would be after you!!
Whee-hee...! *lol*
D-Don't butt into this and laugh!!
36 vs. 1
Wh... What's the matter ...?
Oh, nothing!!
Just talkin' about amps!

I-I've hardly decided to join you yet!
!!
Ikuya, you should get set up too!
Dang! Thanks, Ikuya!
... There.
You turn this 'gain' knob up to distort the sound.
Huh...?! I-Is that true?!
!!
?!
Y'know, yeah...
Without me, she's stuck with these two monsters...
U-Um, well, I...
She looks awfully worried..
くちゃ
う…
U-Um, Kurane, why are you in this band?!
Shaddup, potato-munching four-eyes!!
We're getting fed up, Ikuya!!
He's always hesitating, isn't he...

...W-Well... I'm not in any clubs because of piano lessons...
I've been wanting something to do with friends at school...
And I could practice piano in a band, too.
But...
Hey, Gen! You're not playin' drums like that!
With them drills and all...
Mm, good point. Back to human it is.
Forgot the shoulder drills, dude!
Actually, I'd like to keep these out.
That's why you wear your uniform like that?!
LET'S GET STARTED, KURANEEE!!
...I'm wondering if I can be friends with these people(?)...?
(Already having deep regrets... 後悔が
What can I even say...

...Oh, um... I guess this is the first time we've spoken, isn't it?
Do you know me?
I'm Kurane from your class...
O-Of course!!
W-Whoa, that's right, I AM talking to Kurane...!!
It Didn't even have a chance to be shy...!!
Could this be a regular thing if I joined the band?!
... Um...
You're human, right, Magasa?
And if I let this go, we might never get another chance to talk...!!
...Yeah! I am!
Compared to Amaba and Chinone, I'm so dang normal!
Really?!
If I can keep Kurane here,
and just join the band...!!
I wasn't sure, but...
M-Maaaybe I'll join?!

良い!! YES!!
良い YES...
ズドドドド
こ、ここ Here... HERE!!
大地
Behold this artful posing...! Aphrodite, goddess of beauty, must be pounding at walls...!!
Can you comprehend this earthen beat...?!
Humans should sing songs of praise to Mother Earth year-round...!!
T-This is AGGRESSIVELY ABNORMAL!!

I, uh...
I remembered I have to do a thing!!
N-NOOO!!
Wait!!
YAAAAAAAH!!
!!
...A-Ah...
...I...
I'm sorry...
.....

B-Because of these guys...
...Huh? Where'd Kurane go?
Did she leave? When was that?
I got SO denied...!
I was busy strikin' poses, too...
...Uh, Ikuya?
I was too swept up by the sound of real drums...
I... I can't...
Ikuya?
Whaz-zup, Ikuya?
IKUYA ?!
Keep on living...!!

Hey, Ikuya ...
What happened?
Tell us, Ikuya.
.....
...This happened...
...because of you...
Huh?
...There is NO WAY
I'm being in your STUPID band!!
!!
I-Ikuya?!

Where you goin'?!
Shut up!!
Stop following me!!
.....
Kaze Amaba... Most likely a tengu.
Ikuya Magasa... He's a human.
Gen Chinone... Likely an under-grounder.
...I dunno what they're after...
But I think I'm gonna have to ask!
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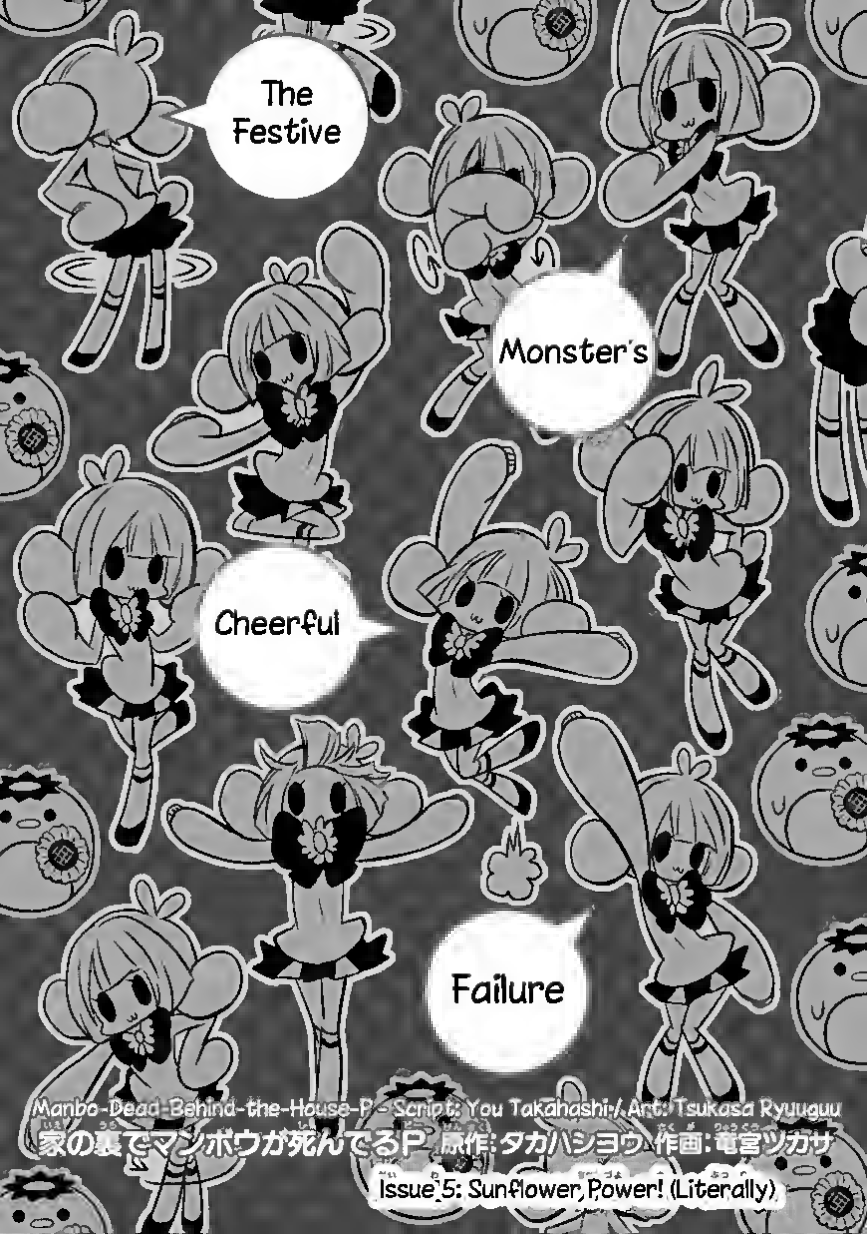
Poor Ikuya - and what does twin-tailed Aoi want...?!

Ikuyaaa! Mornin'!
...
Hmph!
Duuude! Don't ignore me...
Perhaps we should do something he cannot ignore.
モリ モリ モリ!?
S-Stop it!!
I told you, I don't want anything to do with you guys!!
バヤッ
Hm?
The day after the rehearsal of ill omen...



Manbo-Dead-Behind-the-House-P - Script: You Takahashi / Art: Tsukasa Ryuuguu

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Issue 5: Sunflower Power! (Literally)

天葉くんへ♡
真笹くんへ
地根くんへ♡
A LOVE LETTEEER?!
HYO OOO OHH HH!!
ドキドキ
W-What?!
No-WHO?!
Really? Me?!
は!?
?!

T-The heil wos that?!
Huh?! N-N-Nah!
It ain't nothin', okay?!
Then why the HELL are you making that face?!
Sheesh, what's gotten you all restless now?
ウヒョー
Hoh... Never mind. Just leave him be.
It's simply what such lowly creatures are wont to do...
Doo haha haha ha...
baritone
Dude, you're kind of freaking me out too?!
Not cool, Gen!!
I'm just full of energy today, 'sail! FOOOOO!!
Stop jumping!!
You shall crawl on the earth when you are before me!!
A-Are these guys even weirder than normal today ...?

Oh, forget them! I need to read this letter!
ドキ
ドキ
Who could it be from?!
Gotta read this in the bath-room or something so nobody finds out!!
What are you grinning about without my per-mission, Ikuya?
ぴくっ
L-L-Look, it's n-nothin', okay?!
Hey, did somethin' good happen to you?!
'Cause it did for me?! But it's a secret?!
ウヒョー♥
Ah, well.
Huh?! Whew, suddenly I want to do that, too!
At any rate, I'll be taking a bathroom break.
Me too!
スタスタスタスタスタ
* Extremely quick walking

スクウェア・エニックスが挑む新世界!!
本気のWEBマガジン登場!!
ガガガONLINE

HUOOOOOOOOHHH...!!
Dear 東雲くん
Come to the west building's [Front] after school! ♡
...Wait, huh? No sender name...
WC
Ho-hoho...
Just snuck off a little further away!
Now no one shall interfere...
No, wait, maybe it could actually be Kurane, though?!
Then who is it?! Who could it be?! I mean, I already have Kurane! Er, not like we're actually dating, but!! Ggggh!!
ding dong...
Oh, dang!
Gotta get back to class!!
ROMANCE!! Romance is flowing out of my every pore!!
Make it stop!! Somebody catch me!! Take me into your AAAAAARMS!!
EXCITEMENT MAX
...!! What if that thing yesterday was just her being shy...? OH GOD MY HEART IT WON'T STOOOOOOOOOOOP

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ding dong...
Sigh...
Minooo, what's wrong?
Did something happen yesterday...?
Aoi...
Well, I can't really explain it, but, yes...
Huh, what?! Tell me!!
Umm... ...Sorry!
They told me I can't tell anyone!
Hmmm ...?
... Can't even tell me, her best friend ...?
Did they... tell her their true forms ...?!
S-So what ended up... happening with the band?
Well...

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After School
...I was wondering how you two would get in my business this time...
ビュオオオ...
WHY THE HELL ARE YOU UP HERE TOO?!
ピラ!
...Ikuya.
Did you receive this letter as well?
Let-ter?!
ガアアン
...Ahh!! The same one?!
Kaze did as well.
What do you suppose it means?
Wonder who it is... Haha...
...It was a trap, obviously.
So I could summon the three of you here!
?!

doesn't get it

Fallen for a trap, you say?
Y-You're ...!!
ぽっと
Aoi Yakumo!!
...I think?
I knew you were all a pack of idiots!
Kaze, please keep up with the rest of the class.
Dude, we were tricked!
Huh?!
S-So you sent the letter?!
What on earth is she up to...?!
That girl who's always with Kurane...
What's the big idea with getting so close to Mino?!
I need to ask you something...
And you dare show your face after that?!
WHAAAAAAAAAAHHH?!

I'm not a human.
!!
...Everyone else already realizes it, but...
ビ"!!
?!
What big idea...?
I'm a sunflower.
And Mino raised me ever since I was little...
A sunflower ...?!
That's right.
Mino has always been so loving to me!

As she treated me with care and talked to me, a desire was born in me...
What Mino did for me, I wanted to do for her in return.
That's why I wont to protect her!!
From weird bugs like you who would munch on her!!
Would you, the flower, not be the one being munched on?
Shut up!! I eat dirt like you for nourishment!!
Sorry, ma'am ...
Did Chinone just apologize?!
I called you here to keep you Jerks away from Mino for good!!
Telling her your true forms was a declaration of war, so you better be ready!!
W-What theeeeeee?!
... Uh? ?
Did I get into yet another bad situation?!

Hey, we know what we're getting into!!
I'm a tengu, and Gen's an underground!!
And we wanna start a bond for our own separate reasons!
That is truly all it is! We intend her no harm!
...I know you're taking big risks, too.
You must be desperate. ...But...
Dragging Mino into it is just selfishness!
And aren't you troubling that human there?
...!
...Y-Yeah...
I've had enough...!
Ikuya?!
And it's the same with Kurane, isn't it?!
I don't know Kurane's true form... But if she's human, that's why you'd be worrying about her like me!
And if she's a fellow monster, you'd have to hide it, right?!
Oogh ...!!

...Though she seemed positive about the idea of joining a band itself.
Huh?!
I'm sure that Mino was very scared at the studio yesterday...
...Right, well.
Did I not tell you? Starting high school, she was taking more lessons.
She's had so few chances nowadays to be free to play piano, and it was really troubling her.
I-I see...
It seemed strange that she had come by yesterday...
But she wanted to break out of her routine...
Braver than me, that's for sure...!

So there's nothing wrong about inviting her to join a band!
Really?!
Then there's no issue?
WRONG!!
It's MY job to take care of Mino's every worry!!
SHUT UP!!
Do you make all the rules?
...
Like Yakumo says, it's not good to drag others into a mess like this.
But...
ANYWAY! I'll never EVER forgive you if you get any closer to Mino!!
Wait up!!
We need Kurane's skills, though!!
Ugh, you're SO stubborn!!

HMM MPH!!
If it comes to it, I'll do everything in my power to keep you away!!
S-Super-human strength ...?!
Quite impressive.
Hoho! Not bad, huh?
That's what I call flower power!!
Huh?! THAT'S what this is about?!

You'll REGRET making enemies with a sunflower!!
I'll make your stupid tengu nose sprout and have roots crawl into your mom's underground house!!
SAY WHA AAAT ?!
Are sunflowers really THAT strong ?!
doorknob

Can the trio of dunces be Mino's salvation...?!

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◆ Mino, mid-piano lesson.

Stop.
Your left hand fell behind a bit.
...Please, the concert is soon, so don't get sloppy.
But this part sounds nice when you play it this way...
...While individuality is important, I can't allow you to stray from the score.
...Yes.
...Talk about strict...

家の裏でマンボウが死んでるP (原作:タカハシヨウ/作画:竜宮ツカサ)
Manbo-Dead-Behind-the-House-P (Script: You Takahashi / Art: Tsukasa Ryuugu)

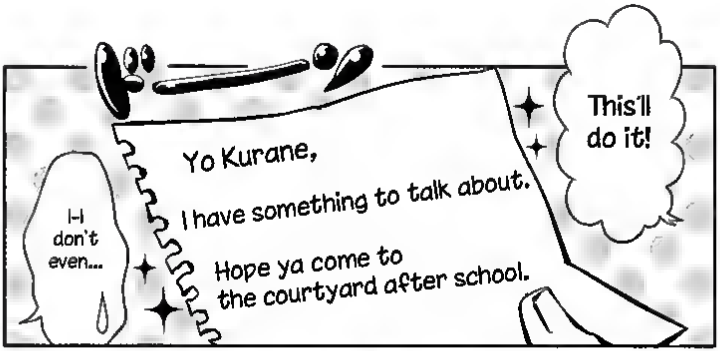
Manbonalds
Sender: Mino Kurane
I'm sorry.
I'm happy that you'd keep asking me, but I really can't join you.
Sighhh ...
glare
How stubborn... Clearly there's something she doesn't care for.
I keep textin' her, but looks like it ain't gonna work.
How the hell did that tengu get her address ...?!?
Look...
Just give it up.
If I saw her roots reachin' in my house, I'd be wailin', man!
She's got me freaked out...
Perhaps Yakumo is interfering?

You be quiet, Ikuya. Did you not say you wanted nothing to do with us?
I-I just don't want you guys doing anything drastic ...!
Is it 'cause we showed her our true forms?
Hmm. But she didn't immediately turn tail when we showed her, yes?
Maybe it just took a while for the situation to sink in?
ゴゴ ゴゴゴ...
...But I'm a human, and yet she's still avoiding me...
S-So why?
Well MAYBE even Kurane, who would generally be accepting enough to handle any kind of species gap, wanted to run away and stay away because you morons acting totally bizarro was just too much for her psyche?

...Ya didn't have to say it so bluntly, yeah...?
Wha? Was I that demotivating?
Do not put down boys undergoing puberty...
ズーン...
...So then what are we to do?
Is there no one in our class who can brainwash her?
Y-Yikes! ARE there guys like that?
(French fries)
Brainwashing's a little harsh...
Maybe putting her to sleep and erasing her memory or somethin'...
You can do THAT too?!
Hmm, erasing all her memories sounds a bit problematic...
...Why are these guys so particular about Kurane?
Surely that means...
!?

Surely that's because she's human, right?
か？
First things first, Yakuma's gonna make any kinda plan tough.
...It seems logical considering their objective.
Indeed. We couldn't so much as come near her today.
I refuse to join, and now they're in desperate need of another human.
Though she seemed positive about the idea of joining a band itself.
What Yakuma said yesterday?
Hey, but wait!
Not to mention her unrest at the studia... I can't imagine she was acting!
Knowing that... I really can't let Kurane get dragged into this.
S-So what do I do...?
... Aha. I've got it!

A letter!
We shall use the very same trick Yakumo used against us.
Oh, I get it!
If we summon her anony-mously, she may come.
I don't care for the dirty tactics, but we shall try it.
A-And then what?
...Perhaps Amaba may make an entreaty using his ancestral acrobatic apalagy arts?
I'll make myself a part of the local history!!
straw
Do you REALLY think that crap is gonna work?!
We don't know the situation exactly, but does she not favor the idea of a band?
If we can only talk, I'm sure she'll under-stand.
ALL RIGHT! I'll write the letter!
H-Hey, hey...!


Yo Kurane,
I have something to talk about.
Hope ya come to the courtyard after school.
I-I don't even...
This'll do it!

You sure she'll came? With zero reason given?
But the message is so simple even I'd get it!
There will be many people watching around the courtyard, so we cannot be rash.

Does this satisfy you, Ikuya?
S-Sure...
...If she really doesn't want this, then I've gotta stop these guys for good.
つらそ
But if...
If this band can end up helping her, then I...
...What about me?

It might be important...
But Mino is kind enough that she might actually go...
It would be easy to toss the letter right now...
Now where'd they learn such despicable methods!
Ha-rumph...
ヒョコ...
Mino
South Bldg.
Court-yard
North Bldg.
Morons (x3)
How it looks
But before she even reads it, her usual route home will take her by the courtyard anyway...!
ムムム...
I can't let them meet.
I could stick with Mino and protect her, but...
If I'm too bluntly in her way, that would just make her more curious...

And after school that day...
ding dong...
Perfect, now they won't even pass each other!
Sorry to make you wait in vain though, Mino...
south building roof
Well, you think Kurone's gonna come?! What're we gonna do?!
Nothing weird, I hope!!
Ho ho ho ...!!
Excellent! I can see both parties easily from the north rooftop!
Whatever happens, I can quickly step in and...
Wait, huh?!

ガラン…
There's nobody here...
...?
Yo! You got the stuff?
?!
Nah, that ain't our guy... Who're you?
U-Um... Uhhh....
D-Dude! She's a pretty one, ain't she!
This's OUR turf, yo... What's a girl doin' here all on her lonesome, huh?
ゴゴゴ…

Smokin' cigs when yau're still growin' ain't a healthy idea, but ain't nobady said nathin' abaut rooftop barbecues!!
Got some fresh gaads here!! Wanna eat wit' us?!
chopsticks
Mino
They better not lay a finger on Mino!!
W-What's with those guys?! They look so... STUPID!!
Dudes! I brought all this flammable stuff!
No... I...!
Hey, wait! Don't say that! Come back to meee!!
I.... I've got to go!!

What was that?! Who's this?!
!?
Hey Kosaka! Bring 'er over here!
Wh-wah!
Yahh!
Huh? Okay!
Here we go, ally-oop!
L-Let go...!
Let... GO of her ...!!
SE-COND POL-LEN!!

Sleep Pow-der!
くる
くるくるくる
W-Wha ?
Gettin' sleepy...
...?!
Yawn... G'night...
Whew, that should ...
Huh ?!
ドタッ
ガコ
ーッ
!!
F... Fire ...!

What?! W-Why ...?!
?!
ボロッ!!
ガン
チャッ
S-Somebody!!
Open it!! OPEN IT!!
ドン
ドン
Yah ...!
MI-NO!!
B-Because I broke the door earlier...!
Just hang on, I'll save you!!

Aaa...
Mm?
...She ain't here.
It's been 20 minutes since last homeroom ended... Perhaps she's still with Yakumo in the classroom?
...Was that Yakumo running by?
She wasn't with Kurane...
Looked kinda worried.
Some-thing happen?
If she's panick-ing, you think Kurane's in some kinda trouble?
Pfft, you guys having sights on her is trouble enough...
Huh? Smells like some-thing's burning...
S-
SOME-BODY!!

◆ Mino's in danger!! Hurry to the roof!!

HELP!
The door won't open!!
Why is there a fire on the roof?!
...And if the only exit is blocked, then...!
KURA-NE!!
Mino's in danger!!
Gen...
!
I know!!
Yes...
Listen up, you two!!
If they use their powers ...!

Issue 7: What I Can Do For You

Manbo-Dead-Behind-the-House-P (Script: You Takahashi / Art: Tsukasa Ryuuguu)

Chinone! Can you dig up a hot spring here?!
The huge spouting thing, like you did before!!
Yes, that is possible.
And Amaba!!
Can you run up the water from Gen's hot spring while doing your best not to creep anyone out and carry Kurane down here without her getting hurt?!
Yeah! You wanna SEE me run up the water from Gen's hot spring while doing my best not to creep anyone out and carry Kurane down here without her getting hurt?!
But it is quite likely we will be seen...
Oh yeah!
Even if we save her, it's only gonna be worse after!
Augh! Then what?!
...Only one answer to that.

Ikuya.
You create a distraction.
Though there is presently no one around, people may come through from the pilotis.
Have their gazes focused on you.
Huh?
H-How do I do that?!
Not my problem!! Eat ants from the ground for all I care!!
WHAAAAAAA?!
That's not gonna stand out!!
You gotta scream about shoguns from the Tokugawa shogunate too!!
WHAAAAAAAAAAAAH?!
You came up with this plan, you play the most essential role!!
FIGURE IT OUT!!
...D...
DAMMMMMMMMT!!!
Ikuya!! Good luck!!

IEYA-SUUU!!
!!
Dude, forget that, look at HIM!!
Hm? Does it smell like burning to you?
W-WHOA! Is he eating ANTS?!
And digging them outta the ground, even?!
HI-DE-TA-DAAAAAAAAA!!
Anthills
ウオオオオオオ!!!
Excel-lent.
Now, Gen!!
Dang... Ain't nobody looking over here...!!
I sense the presence of a hot spring... Hoho... Yes, yes...!!
Here...
HERE!!
...!!

HROOOOOYAAAAAHHH!!!
My turn now!!
!!
Amaba?! H-How did you...?!
'Cause I'm a tengu!
And the hot spring's thanks to Chinone!
We're here to save ya!
T-Thank you...
TSU-NA-YO-SHI!!

MINO OOO!! I'M HERE FOR YOU!!
MINO WHERE ARE YOU?!
Hop on!
Oh, and close your eyes!
Huh?! O-Okay!
Huh?!
YO-SHI-MU-NE!!
YA HOO OOO OOO OO!!
WH AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA AAA ?!

Yoop!
A success?
Yep!
Spring
Aa Aa aA aa aa aa aA aa a...
Heeey! That's enough now, Ikuya!
ウオオオオ!!!
バッ
バッ
YO-SHI-NO-BUUUUUU!!
Th...
Thank you SO much for saving me, Amaba!!
Nah, nah!
You should thank Ikuya, for real!
Huh?
Indeed... We hardly played any role in the feat.
Are you okay, Kurane?!
?

Magasa! Th... Thank you(?) ...!
I'm so glad you're safe! So... glad...
H-He really did it...!! Talk about a dirty mouth...!!
I could hear his screams from the roof! Ahaha!
S-Stop that...!! Not in front of Kurane...!!
?!
But you did it all for her, did you not?
Wh-What? What's that?
This guy ate ants and yelled the names of shoguns to create a dis-traction!
H-Hold on... !!
WHA AAA AAA AAA?!
W...

W-Wow, that's... AHAHA HAHA!
Ha haha hah!
Doo haha haha hah!!
baritone
I-I'm sorry, I know you did it for me...
B-But... AHAHA HA!
Ggh...!
...See? We can all laugh about it now.
N-Need-less?!
At its needless-ness, mostly!
To be frank, in the time we waited for you, Amaba could have saved her in quite a simpler fashion.
It took equally as long as it would have to run up the stairs with his above-human speed!
Wha...

But you were so eager, we just went with it!
And I found it quite funny myself.
Hee! S-Sorry, Magasa ...
W-Why, you ...!!
ゴゴゴゴゴ...
YOU JERK WAAAAAAAAAADS!!
...So that's what happened...
Thank you, Magasa.
でもごめんね
こんなに笑ったの久しぶり...!
And I'm sorry, but I haven't had a laugh like that in a long time...!
MI-NOOOOOOOO!!
Aoi?

I'M SORRY, MINO!! IT WAS ALL MY FAULT, I... I...
AAA!
W-What's the matter, Aoi?!
I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE SAFE!!
Haha... It's all right. Those three saved me.
GRAHH!!
So how DO ants taste?
... They're quite a bunch.
They must be fun to be around...
...*sniff*
Oh, yeah!
I wanted to talk to Kurone!

Sorry to be so stubborn, but... Please!!
Won't you join our band?!
Amaba...
...I'd be glad to!
M-MINO?!
Kurane?!
WHOOOOOOOOO!! THANK YOOOOOOU!!
Seems that he doesn't want in.
W-Why not ...?
Um...
Now we got three!! Gotta look for a bassist now!!
Oh? What about Magasa?

W-Well, 'cause these guys are monsters (and that scared you away)...
...I was so surprised, I had to run.
I'm sorry for what I did...
But I knew they weren't scary.
On the contrary... I knew I'd have fun.
...You've been with them, so you know what I'm saying, right?
そうだ
俺は知ってたんだ でも…
Y-Yeah...
Right...
I knew that, but...
it's a little selfish, but... you wanted me to join, right?
So I figured you would too...
M-Me...?
Also, I...

I ran away, too...
Not from them, but from the challenge.
I understand.
Oh, n-no, never mind.
Forget that!
...No...
Maybe I ran because I was afraid to change things...
But... I want to change!
Like they do, and like Kurane does!
We'll all do it together...!
...All right...
I...
want in too!
!!
I-Ikuya ...!
Hm-hm...

WOOOO-HOOOOO!! WE FINALLY GOT A BAND!!
Ha ha...!!
Well then, Magasa!
H-Hope we get along! Heheh...!
Hm? You look discontented.
Might Yakumo join, too?
N-Nooo WAY!! I don't play any stupid instruments!!
I'll get you back, count on it!! I won't soon forget this!!
I can't interfere when they just saved Mino...!!
Well, how does this sound?
It was by your plot that Mino was on the roof at all, yes?
If we leave her alone, she'll quite likely be a pest later.

From today forth, you are the manager of our band.
HAAA HH?!
Yeah! That sounds great! Dunno what she'd do though!
For-GET it! I don't wanna!!
...Con-sider this.
If we act together, can you not always protect Kurane?
From any "weird bugs" and the like.
!!
...Oh, fine.
I guess I'll Join!!
WOO OOO!! YEAH HHH HHH HHH HHH HH!!
ワーワ!!
Such a conde-scending tone.
Hey! More where that came from!
Well, this should be fun!
Yeah...!

After gathering all kinds of creatures to form a band...
Finally we could begin...
Those days far surpassing ordinary.
...By the way.
I've been wondering, uh...
Who's on vocals?
The five tones begin to come together...!!
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